

Given a selection in which an author is trying to get one to do something, the reader selects the best statement about the author's intent.

UNIT 8  
Lesson 1  
Critical Reading

TECHNICAL TALK

Some people write to get you to do something. American history is full of examples of writing that helped change the way people thought. In 1852, Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote a book called *Uncle Tom's Cabin* about people caught in slavery. The book made readers think about slavery. Hundreds of thousands of people read it. When President Abraham Lincoln met Mrs. Stowe, he called her the little woman who started a great war. Of course a lot of other things helped cause the Civil War, but Mrs. Stowe's book was one powerful influence.

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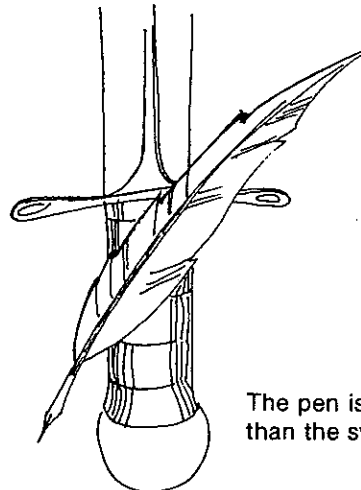
The paragraph below was written during the American Revolution by Thomas Paine. It was bitter cold at Valley Forge. The soldiers were freezing and hungry. George Washington asked Paine to write something to fire up his men and keep their spirits up. Read the paragraph carefully. Then mark the statement below that best tells what Thomas Paine was asking for.

STAND WITH US!

... I turn with the warm ardor of a friend to those who have nobly stood, and are yet determined to stand the matter out: I call not upon a few, but upon all; not on this state or that state, but on every state; up and help us; lay your shoulders to the wheel; better have too much force than too little, when so great an object is at stake. Let it be told to the future world, that in the depth of winter, when nothing but hope and virtue could survive, that the city and the country, alarmed at one common danger, came forth to meet and repulse it.

Thomas Paine wants you to

- (a) ☐ Keep out of trouble any way you can.
- (b) ☐ Join with the soldiers so they can overcome the danger they are in.
- (c) ☐ Pay more taxes so there will be enough food for the men.
- (d) ☐ Worry less about the soldiers. They will win the battles they fight.



The pen is mightier  
than the sword.

## REVIEW

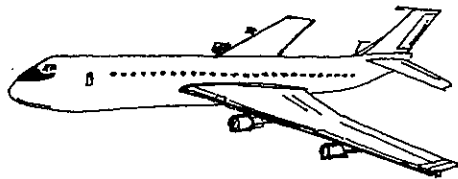
## UNIT 8 Lesson 2 Critical Reading

Thomas Paine was a famous writer during the days of the American revolution. He is sometimes called the grandfather of America. He wrote books and pamphlets. The pamphlets were short articles to get people excited. They worked. They did excite people about fighting the Revolutionary War. Some of Thomas Paine's writings helped move the colonists to rebel. They may have made an important contribution to our winning the war against England. (b) is the right answer to lesson 1.

Here are some slogans. Slogans are short, catchy sayings used to get people to do things. Sometimes pictures are used with the slogans. Match each slogan with the best statement about what the writer wants you to do.

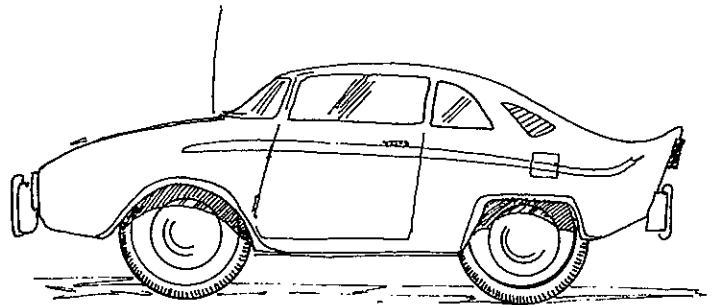
### SLOGANS

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| ___ 1. Be prepared.                     | (a) This slogan was used to get people to sign up for the army.                      |
| ___ 2. Uncle Sam wants you!             | (b) This slogan tried to get people to ride on one of the major airlines.            |
| ___ 3. Fly the friendly skies.          | (c) Slow down and do your work carefully.  |
| ___ 4. A penny saved is a penny earned. | (d) Help other people with their work and it will be easier for everyone.            |
| ___ 5. Haste makes waste.               | (e) This famous slogan has asked millions of boys to be ready for anything.          |
| ___ 6. Right wrongs no man.             | (f) Always do the right thing and nobody will be hurt.                               |
| ___ 7. Many hands make light work.      | (g) Benjamin Franklin wrote this one. It means save your money and you will have it. |



Each of the following short paragraphs is part of an advertisement that wants you to do something. Where might you find each one? Choose an answer for each paragraph.

- \_\_\_ 1. Get the highest interest for your money. No bank offers more. First Federal Savings and Loan Association offers  $7\frac{1}{2}\%$  interest. Put your money where it counts!
- \_\_\_ 2. Get into the Starflame 6. Your first feeling is room. There is more space than you have ever had before. The front seat leaves room for the passenger to relax. Space is the key.
- \_\_\_ 3. Here's the chance to do all your shopping from your own home! You'll find gifts for every event—from birthdays to Christmas. Pick the perfect gifts for your family and friends. Easy payment plan. Send in your order, now!
- \_\_\_ 4. Having trouble remembering? Improve your memory instantly with Dr. Arthur J. Fieldmore's exciting new book. It gives you 40 simple ways to remember facts, faces, anything. Don't forget. Order today!
- (a) This is part of an ad in a magazine. Its purpose is to get the reader to buy a book.
- (b) This could be part of a sales booklet about a car.
- (c) You might see this in a pamphlet you could find at a savings company.
- (d) This is the first paragraph of a mail order catalog.



### HOW DID YOU DO?

